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Delmarva Agriculture Data
Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

PLACEMENTS DOWN 6%

For the week ending, July 26, 2008, growers placed 11.0 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 6.3% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type hatched (11.0 million) decreased 6.3% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators the week totaled 13.8 million, a decrease of 1.8% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.2 million for the week ending July 19, 2008 compared to 11.2 million slaughtered during the same week in 2007.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
05/31/2008	14,289	13,592	11,846	11,645	11,938	11,736
06/07/2008	14,342	13,963	11,820	11,603	11,912	11,772
06/14/2008	14,327	13,136	11,810	11,614	11,900	11,924
06/21/2008	14,334	14,079	11,889	11,523	12,305	11,817
06/28/2008	13,559	13,350	11,931	11,656	12,023	11,654
07/05/2008	14,059	13,332	11,973	10,942	11,974	10,942
07/12/2008	14,219	13,622	11,950	11,594	11,950	11,594
07/19/2008	14,125	13,661	11,316	11,100	11,411	11,186
07/26/2008	14,037	13,778	11,697	10,957	11,697	10,955

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.
2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.
* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	08/02/2008	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	77.70	79.75	77.71	80.67
12-City Composite 2/	82.28	84.05	82.39	80.51

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.
2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Jun 21 2008	Jun 28 2008	Jul 5 2008	Jul 12 2008	Jul 19 2008	Jul 26 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,093	30,529	*29,252	*30,452	*30,772	30,738
AR	26,337	26,620	26,069	26,089	26,250	25,628
DE	3,647	3,495	3,573	3,624	3,629	3,589
FL	1,341	1,361	*1,376	1,306	1,273	1,226
GA	34,231	33,955	32,622	33,907	33,591	33,274
KY	7,694	7,301	*7,906	7,909	*8,007	7,967
LA	3,651	3,651	3,651	3,651	3,621	3,621
MD	9,162	8,594	8,618	8,852	8,762	8,919
MS	18,761	18,624	18,772	17,768	18,560	18,560
NC	19,230	19,022	*18,266	18,574	18,739	19,360
OK	6,897	*6,962	*6,845	7,429	*7,113	7,060
PA	4,550	4,525	4,316	*4,384	*4,511	4,347
SC	5,317	5,539	5,348	5,380	5,659	5,494
TX	15,897	14,714	15,700	15,608	15,675	14,975
VA	6,315	6,123	6,099	6,017	6,344	6,344
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,594	19,096	19,093	19,429	18,983	19,276
19 State Total	213,717	*210,111	*207,506	*210,379	*211,489	210,378
Previous Year Total	216,287	210,141	216,018	218,175	216,979	217,989
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	96	96	97	97

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 26, 2008. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Jun 21 2008	Jun 28 2008	Jul 5 2008	Jul 12 2008	Jul 19 2008	Jul 26 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,049	22,019	*21,476	*21,456	21,112	20,573
AR	24,638	22,783	23,052	22,289	*23,028	22,468
DE	4,361	5,208	4,213	4,594	4,388	3,949
FL	1,224	1,216	1,315	1,160	1,227	1,180
GA	28,934	29,311	28,617	27,742	27,913	27,017
KY	6,462	7,090	6,470	6,016	*5,489	6,520
LA	3,755	3,632	3,456	3,543	3,465	3,572
MD	6,773	6,114	6,083	5,922	5,454	5,851
MS	17,186	17,283	16,882	16,718	16,553	16,717
NC	15,580	16,328	15,683	15,980	15,849	15,295
OK	3,810	5,110	*4,512	6,113	*5,103	4,919
PA	3,382	3,384	3,385	*3,436	*3,406	3,193
SC	5,220	4,044	4,726	5,027	4,737	4,624
TX	13,200	13,260	13,403	13,409	12,345	13,209
VA	4,911	4,440	4,865	5,423	5,198	5,364
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,768	17,954	17,032	16,763	17,167	16,417
19 State Total	179,253	179,176	*175,170	*175,591	*172,434	170,868
Previous Year Total	180,026	178,938	178,318	177,496	172,031	176,538
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	98	99	100	97

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 26, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through July 26, 2008 were 5.33 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.